

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2204

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2454
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Agriculture, Higher Education, and
Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred S.B. No. 2454 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE, "

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a task
force to determine whether a state-established regulatory regime
should be established to address the agricultural use of
genetically modified organisms.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Agriculture, University of Hawaii, Hawaii
Farm Bureau Federation, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, and
The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. Your Committees received
testimony in opposition to this measure from IMUAlliance and five
individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure
from Babes Against Biotech.

Your Committees find that the use of genetically modified
organisms is a polarizing issue for Hawaii residents. Differing
views and emotions surrounding the issue make it difficult for
lawmakers to determine a prudent and responsible way to address
the public's concerns regarding the use, regulation, or
prohibition of genetically modified organisms. Accordingly, this
measure brings together different stakeholders to examine the
issue in a deliberate and objective manner.



After hearing testimony, your Committees note that the task force may want to include additional stakeholders such as papaya farmers, organic farmers, and small farmers growing genetically modified crops.

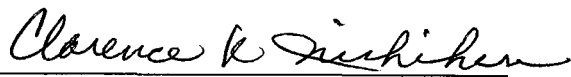
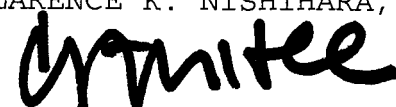
Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Replacing the Dean of the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources with the Vice President for Research and Innovation at the University of Hawaii, as a member and chairperson of the task force;
- (2) Clarifying that the task force should develop recommendations for state regulations regarding genetically modified organisms only if the task force deems a regulatory regime necessary;
- (3) Providing the task force with discretion to add additional members to the task force; and
- (4) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture, Higher Education, and Judiciary and Labor that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2454, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2454, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Agriculture,
Higher Education, and Judiciary
and Labor,


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair
CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair

CLAYTON HEE, Chair

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SB 2454	AGL/HRE/JDL, WAM	1/30/14
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The Recommendation is:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓	
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓	
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓	
ENGLISH, J. Kalani		✓
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓	
WAKAI, Glenn		✓
SLOM, Sam		✓
TOTAL	4	3
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert (VC)	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.				✓
IGE, David Y.				✓
KIDANI, Michelle N.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
HEE, Clayton (C)	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike		✓		
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les			✓	
SOLOMON, Malama				✓
SLOM, Sam			✓	
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